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TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MTN SCHEDULE

SUMMARY: GATT DG LONG CALLED MEETING OF US, JAPAN, EC/FRANCE

REPS JAN 7 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING MTN SCHEDULE. RESULTS WERE

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AGREEMENT TO HOLD MEETING OF INFORMAL GATT 7 PLUS 7 GROUP JAN 24

TO BEGIN ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, TO LEAVE DATE FOR NEXT
TNC
OPEN FOR TIME BEING (BUT WITH LONG AND JAPANESE PRESSING FOR
FEB 11-12 AND ALL AGREEING ON DESIRABILITY OF MEETING IN FEB)
AND TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING JAN 13 AT WHICH US WOULD BRIEF
OTHER DELEGATIONS ON TRADE ACT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. GATT DG LONG CALLED TOGETHER US (BRUNGART), JAPAN (AMBASSADOR
KITAHARA), EC/France (COLMANT) JAN 7 TO DISCUSS MTN PREPARATIONS.
COLMANT LEAD OFF DESCRIBING STATE OF WORK IN EC. REPORTED THERE
WILL BE ANOTHER MINISTERIAL MEETING LATTER PART OF JAN (PROBABLY
FIRST
PART WEEK JAN 20). THIS WILL BE SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED PRIMARILY
TO MTN WITH COUNTRIES SENDING APPROPRIATE MINISTERS WITH MTN
RESPONSIBILITY. LOWER LEVEL EC ORGANS RESUME MTN WORK THIS
WEEK AND 113 COMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT WEEK. HE NOTED NUMBER
OF DIFFERENCES AMONG EC COUNTRIES ON KEY ISSUES AND WONDERED
WHETHER ONE MORE MEETING OF EC COUNCIL WOULD BE ENOUGH. FOR
EXAMPLE, HE NOTED THERE WERE TWO DISTINCT VIEWS AT THIS STAGE IN
EC ON EXTENT OF TARIFF HARMONIZATION REQUIRED, THAT IT WOULD BE
NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH LIST OF NTB PRIORTIES BUT THIS HAS NOT YET
BEEN DONE, THAT EC POSITION ON ESCAPE CLAUSE IS UNCERTAIN, SUPPLY
ACCESS TOPIC IS NEW AND IDEAS DIFFER ON HOW TO DEAL WITH IT (FRENCH
FAVOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS, OTHERS DOUBTFUL), APPROACH FOR DEALING
WITH AGRICULTURE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR (EXCEPT FOR CERALS), AND EC STILL
UNCERTAIN HOW TO DEAL WITH EAST EUROPEANS IN MTN.

2. AMBASSADOR KITAHARA REPORTED JAPANESE PREPARED MOVE AHEAD
IMMEDIATELY. STRESSED IMPORTANCE MAINTAINING CLOSE US, EC,
JAPANESE COORDINATION AS WE MOVE INTO NEGOTIATIONS. CONCERNING
AGRICULTURE, JAPANESE WORRIED ABOUT US/EC CONFRONTATION ON
FORUM FOR NEGOTIATING ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND WOULD NOT
WANT DIFFERENCES OF THIS SUBJECT DELAY NEGOTIATIONS. ON
SUBSTANCE, JAPANESE THINKING OF COMMODITY AGREEMENT APPROACH FOR
CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY WHEAT. ON SUPPLY ACCESS,
JAPAN CONSIDERS AGREEMENT AMONG BIG THREE AND IF POSSIBLE AMONG
ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DESIRABLE BEFORE DEALING WITH ISSUE IN TNC.
CONCERNING LONDON GRAIN MEETING FEB 11, SAID JAPAN CONSIDERED
STOCKPILING MATTER COULD BE DEALT WITH IN PRELIMINARY STAGES OUT-
SIDE MTN BUT ISSUE IN FINAL ANALYSIS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN
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CONTEXT OVERALL BALANCE MTN AND THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED IN
MTN FRAMEWORK. ON TARIFFS, JAPANESE HOPED FOR AGREEMENT ON A
GENERAL FORMULA. ON NTBS, HOPED THERE COULD BE AD REFERENDUM
AGREEMENTS BEFORE SUMMER VACATION. JAPAN FAVORS MAINTAINING END-1975
TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH WOULD NOT OPPOSE
NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON SOMEWHAT LONGER. HOWEVER, IF THE DRAG ON TOO
LONG THERE WOULD BE RISK UNCTAD TRYING TAKE OVER.

3. US NOTED GREAT SATISFACTION OF ADMINISTRATION WITH FINAL PASSAGE OF TRADE ACT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD COME SOMEWHAT LATER THAN WE HAD ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. REGRETTED THAT WE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE CIRCULATE

COPIES OF ACT TO OTHER DELEGATIONS GENEVA, BUT EXPECTED WE WOULD BE ABLE DO SO SHORTLY. (GATT SECRETARIAT HAS NOW RECEIVED COPY FROM CANADIAN DELEGATION.) REITERATED OFFER TO HAVE SPECIAL INFORMAL MEETING AT WHICH STR GENERAL COUNSEL ALAN WOLFF WOULD DESCRIBE DETAILS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. ASKED WHEN THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR OTHERS. RESPONSE WAS SOONER THE BETTER AND IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD MEETING 4:00 P.M., JANUARY 13. (ALL MTN DELEGATIONS PLUS OBSERVERS FROM UNCTAD, IMF, ECE SECRETARIATS WILL BE INVITED.) US REP THEN MADE POINT THAT ADMINISTRATION HAD CONCENTRATED IN RECENT WEEKS IN GETTING BILL PASSED AND WOULD NOW BE ABLE FOCUS ON PREPARING FOR REAL START OF NEGOTIATIONS. AGREED FULLY WITH AMBASSADOR KITAHARA ON IMPORTANCE CONTINUING BIG THREE COORDINATION AND STRESSED NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATION FOR NEXT TNC MEETING IN INFORMAL MEETINGS AMONG KEY COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, STATED THAT SUCCESSOR FOR AMBASSADOR EBERLE HAS NOT YET BEEN PICKED BUT THIS MATTER UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION. CONCERNING PRESS (NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE) REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR MALMGREN ALSO LEAVING, REPORTED UNDERSTANDING THAT RESIGNATION HAD IN FACT BEEN FORMALLY SUBMITTED BUT HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS CONCERNING PROVISION IN TRADE ACT FOR SIX MONTH REVIEW BY BY INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, STATED US DID NOT CONSIDER THIS NEED DELAY OPENING OF REAL SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. CONCERNING FURTHER SCHEDULE, LONG SUGGESTED MEETING OF INFORMAL GATT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN GROUP JAN24. OTHERS AGREED, AND US CONFIRMED AFTER TELECON WITH MALMGREN. LONG ALSO SUGGESTED THIS BE FOLLOWED BY SERIES, PERHAPS FOUR, OTHER SEVEN PLUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETINGS LEADING UP TO TNC FEB 11-12. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETINGS MIGHT BE DESIRABLE BUT THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LEAVE DECISIONS ON PRECISE SCHEDULING UNTIL LATER. US ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE PRECISE DATE OF TNC OPEN FOR TIME BEING, ALTHOUGH WE ALL AGREE DESIRABLE HOLDING MEETING SOMETIME IN FEBURARY. THIS AGREED, AND LONG WILL DISCUSS SUBJECT WHILE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

5. CONCERNING PREPARATION FOR TNC, LONG RECALLED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE DECISION ON QUESTION OF UNCTAD PARTICIPATION AND RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION. HE HAD IMPRESSION AT LEAST CERTAIN MEMBERS UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WERE ENCOURAGING MORE EXTREME LDCS ON MATTER. SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY DCS WORKING OUT REASONABLE SOLUTION WITH RESPONSIBLE LDCS BEFORE TNC MEETING.

ALL THREE PARTICIPANTS AGREED IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT FURTHER INFORMALLY AMONG BIG THREE WELL BEFORE TNC WITH AIM OF ACHIEVING COMMON POSITION.

6. AT END OF MEETING LONG SUGGESTED ANOTHER MEETING OF SAME GROUP OF THREE LOCAL REPS AFTERNOON MONDAY, JAN 20. THIS AGREED. HE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY SUCH MEETINGS. (NOTE: IT WAS NEVER MADE CLEAR WHY COLMANT RATHER THAN COMMISSION OR IRISH OFFICIAL HAD BEEN INVITED, BUT OF COURSE NO ONE RAISED QUESTION.) DALE

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